

About the Anthem:

Don Besig is the director of adult choirs at Perinton Presbyterian Church in Fairport, New York. He previously taught music for thirty-one years in New York state. Recognizing a need for accessible choral music, he began composing for his own groups around 1960. In 1980, he began collaborating with his former student Nancy Price. Ms. Price is also a nationally renowned choral clinician and singer. She taught high school chorus for ten years before becoming a freelance music engraver, editor, and proofreader for the Shawnee Press. Together, Mr. Besig and Ms. Price have released nearly four hundred choral compositions and arrangements. Over eighteen million copies of Besig & Price works have sold in the forty-five years they have worked together. Both are members of ASCAP and have received many ASCAP special awards for their collaborations. Their dedication to choral music is a huge blessing for churches and schools around the world. I deeply admire their continued work with church choirs after experiencing immense success. The lyrics of “The Upper Room” call us to remember the final days of Christ’s earthly ministry and the Last Supper as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week.

“The Upper Room”
Composer: Don Besig (b. 1936) |
Lyricists: Don Besig & Nancy Price (b. 1958)
There in a quiet upper room they gathered together once again.
The Master stood among the twelve he called his closest friends.
“Soon I must leave you,” said the Lord.
“My Father will call me from this place.
Although you may not understand,
my life is in his hands I must obey.”

They sat in the silence, tears in their eyes.
He spoke once again to ease their minds:
“Be not afraid. Do not despair.
When you need me I will always be there.”

“Come, sit beside me,” said the Lord,
“For here at this table we are one.
Come, share this simple meal with me,
and show that you believe I am God’s Son.
This bread is my body broken for you.
This cup is my blood which is shed for you.
Take, now and eat, take, now and drink.
Do this always in remembrance of me.”

“Walk in my footsteps,” said the Lord,
“Be steadfast in everything you do,
And keep me always in your heart,
though we may be apart I am with you.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Monday April 7th	Day Circle 12:30pm	
	Evening Circle 7:pm	
Tuesday April 8th	Handbells 5:00pm	
	Session 6:30pm	
	Ladies Dinner 6:00pm	
Wednesday April 9th	Youth 6:00pm	
Thursday April 10th	Bible Study 10:30am	
	Choir 4:30pm	
Saturday April 12th	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am	

If you are applying or reapplying to college-it’s time to get your scholarship application from FPC. Call the church office for more info. We will email or mail you an application today! Deadline is April 30th!
~ Scholarship Committee

The Evening Circle will meet Monday April 7th at the home of Harriet Beale. Joyce Perez is the leader of Bible study and discussion. Call 799-5662 if you need directions or have any questions.

Please join us for our Holy Week services this year April 14th–18th, in the sanctuary we will have guest speakers each day. Services will start at noon followed by a light lunch.

SERVING TODAY		
Pastor		Joyce Perez
Music Director		Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound		Ray Beale
Video		Alex Walthall
Liturgist		Bernadine Hayes
Greeter		Eddie Blount
Side door/Offering		David Swann

List of Session members
Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford
Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett
Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton
Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

BUDGET UPDATE		
	February ‘25	FY 2025
Contributions	\$9,961.12	\$82,359.33
Expenditures	\$26,149.49	\$70,411.70
Difference	\$(-16,188.37)	\$11,947.63

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

A Warm Welcome
We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

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First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent



Welcome

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting,
we warmly welcome you to our service today.

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